

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**PLAINTIFF**

**ARIENNE JONES, DERIC JONES,  
HERSCHEL WILLIAMS, and  
TANSHENETTA VEALS,**

**PLAINTIFF-INTERVENORS**

**v.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:20-cv-00729-CWR-LGI**

**SSM PROPERTIES, LLC, STEPHEN MAULDING, SR.,  
JAMES ROE, and SHEILA MAULDING,**

**DEFENDANTS**

**UNITED STATES' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO TERMINATE  
CONSENT DECREE AND DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE**

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 60(b) and 41(a)(2), the United States respectfully moves to terminate the Consent Decree entered by the Court on November 1, 2022. The Decree is set to expire by its own terms on November 1, 2025. Consent Decree ¶ 38. As grounds for this Motion, the United States avers that Defendants SSM Properties, Stephen Maulding, Sr., and Sheila Maulding (“Maulding Defendants”) have substantially complied with the injunctive terms of the Decree, have timely paid all monetary relief required under the Decree, and have sold the rental properties that were the subject of this action in an arm’s-length transaction. *See* Consent Decree ¶ 27. With respect to Defendant James Roe, as indicated in the United States’ February 22, 2024 Status Report (ECF No. 165), the United States has taken all feasible steps to ensure his compliance and does not believe that further action before the Court would be fruitful.

The United States has conferred with counsel for Plaintiff-Intervenors and the Maulding Defendants, who do not oppose this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Motion be granted and that the above case be dismissed with prejudice.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 15, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record, and I hereby certify that I have caused to be mailed by Fed Ex the document to the following defendant at his last-known address listed below:

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